

Citizens Advisory Committee for Marietta Parks (CACMP)

Minutes of the Meeting on June 10, 2010, at Marietta Fire Station #1 Training Room

A public meeting was held at the City Hall Chambers at 6:30 p.m. and citizens were invited to view graphic displays of the current Hickory Hills Park and proposed plans for improvements. An opportunity for written input was provided and many members of the public seemed to be using that vehicle to make suggestions and comments. The public meeting of CACMP started at 7:10 p.m. and was chaired by Jim King. All members of CACMP were present. The minutes of the May 27, 2010, were unanimously approved after motion by Kim Gresh and second by Mitch Hunter.

Jim King reminded members that the new CACMP meeting schedule will consist of monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month and that Sub-committees will organize their own meetings as necessary but must comply with the Open Meetings criteria. He also reviewed the actions of City Council as related to the CACMP recommendations that have been forwarded to Council. The proposal to hire a "project manager" for the bond expenses was approved and applicants are being interviewed. Council generally approved all recommendations submitted except for the recommendation for rehabilitation of the track at the Sixth Grade Academy. Some recommendations that were conceptual such as restroom facilities, seating areas and shade structures were approved for the design phase. Restrooms are a particularly complicated issue and Rich Buss is to report to Council on issues of safety, security and cost before they decide on specific solutions. A negotiation team of Council and CACMP members has been created to resolve the many variables presented by the baseball park and they have been given 90 days to report. The recommendation to make Custer Park a new soccer facility was well-received and will be subject to an upcoming plan proposal. Both CACMP and the Council seem to be moving forward in an orderly manner to improve the parks pursuant to the Bond Issue requirements. The City Spokesdog contest was a success and resulted in three dogs being selected by public vote and generated a lot of good publicity for the Parks and Recreation. As requested at the last meeting, conceptual sketches of the proposed statuary and placement possibilities at Brown Park were distributed. Rich Buss displayed large two-dimensional representations of the women along with a brief historical synopsis of the relevance of the characters.

Sub-committee reports were invited:

Land Acquisition has no report today but members are actively working on baseball and recreation center issues.

Burruss and Wildwood connectivity is still being actively discussed with other governmental agencies. A new military commander appointment has slowed our outreach to allow that person to get familiar with the community.

Historic Trails and Signage will study appropriate commemoration of the persons buried near the new dog park. A motion to establish signage for the area was made by Huwaldt and seconded by Hunter but was withdrawn in favor of further study.

Parks Improvement and Rehabilitation discussion of Brown Park generated comments about an unsightly kudzu patch that deserves further study for potential improvements.

The Recreation Center Sub-committee continues to work on Lawrence Street Recreation Center issues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. and individual Sub-committees met or made further arrangements to meet.

The next meeting will be on July 8th at the same time and location.

Respectfully submitted, this 13th day of June, 2010